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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LA

SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN BAN HOUEI SAI

1. DURING A GOING-WAY PARTY HELD AT THE USAID/BHS COMPOUND ON AFTERNOON OF MARCH 19 FOR DEPARTING USAID AREA COORDINATOR HUXTABLE TRANSFERING TO LUANG PRABANG, A FIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN SEVERAL UNINVITED (AND AS YET UNIDENTIFIED) STUDENTS AND SOME OF THE LAO EMPLOYEES OF USAID. DURING THE CONFUSION, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SEVERAL OF THE STUDENTS THREATENED THE USAID AMERICANS.

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2. AFTER THE PARTY, IT IS REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE STUDENTS VANDALIZED USAID OFFICES ON THE COMPOUND, DAMAGED VEHICLES, AND TOOK SOME EQUIPMENT. IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION, THREE AMERICAN USAID EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES (HUXTABLE, JOHNSON AND BOWMAN) CROSSED TO CHIENG KHONG, THAILAND THE NIGHT MARCH 19.

3. ON MARCH 20, THE TWO REMAINING AMERICANS (ALEX AND SAGE) REPORTED FROM BAN HOUET SAI THAT SITUATION APPEARED TO BE EASING. HOWEVER, ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 21, WE ARE ADVISED THAT ALL, REPEAT, ALL USAID AMERICANS ARE ON THE THAILAND SIDE OF THE RIVER, AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL SITUATION IN BHS IS REPORTED UNDER CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT, POLICE AND/OR MILITARY.

4. GOVERNOR OF PROVINCE WAS IN LUANG PRABANG DURING THE INCIDENT AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BHS TODAY MARCH 21. LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF USAID/BHS ARE REPORTED AT WORK AND WE ARE IN RADIO CONTACT WITH THEM IN BHS AND AMERICANS IN CHIENG KHONG.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT DEVELOPMENTS AS WE RECEIVE INFORMATION.

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